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Prosperity comes first: Councillor

Fiscal plan 2013. Building a budget before economic-development plan is finished is a bad idea, Joe Swan says

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Before we talk budget, let's talk prosperity, one city councillor says.

Paying for projects in what is expected to be a $900-million economic-development plan for the city should be top of mind when considering next year's budget, Coun. Joe Swan said Tuesday.

The plan isn't due until September, and its impact isn't included in the 2013 budget projections tabled this week. That makes an hours-long Monday night debate about tax targets slightly irrelevant, said Swan, chairman of a committee overseeing the plan. "It should be the first thing. It should be the first projection," he said.

There are several options for covering the plan's price tag, including selling city assets, taking on debt and government grants. Upping taxes is also in the mix, something Swan expects will be part of the deal.

Any tax increase would come on top of what city staff have said is needed to avoid service cuts.

Swan said he's not dissuaded by councillors' Monday vote against a special levy — nearly identical to one pitched in 2012 — for the cause.

When the "sensible," "affordable" plan that "will create jobs" is delivered this fall, Swan said he is certain it will win support.

The proposal is expected to assign priorities and means of funding for many projects, such as development of the Highway 401/402 corridor.

"People won't buy something they don't understand," Swan said about Monday's vote.

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Revenue spending gap

- **$0:** The amount of money in 2013 forecasts for prosperity-plan projects. That means funding will have to come from other sources, and any tax increase tied to it would be on top of what city staff have recommended.
- **5.5 per cent tax hike:** The amount needed to generate an extra $25.6 million next year.
- **3.8 per cent tax hike:** The amount city treasurer Martin Hayward has recommended. That would leave an $8-million gap between forecasts and expected tax revenue.
- **No tax increase:** What the majority of city councillors are driving toward. That would leave a $25.6-million gap between forecasts and expected tax revenue.

PULLING STRINGS AT CITY HALL

Members of El Sistema Aeolian Orchestra perform at the start of Tuesday's city council meeting to mark National Youth Arts Week. The orchestra, launched last fall by the Aeolian Hall Musical Arts Association, offers free music training to young people who might not otherwise have the opportunity to study music or play in an orchestra. Council story, page 2. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

The incredible shrinking playoffs

Why is Capitals coach Dale Hunter hiding Alex Ovechkin on the bench? PAGE 15

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Berlin calling

Post-Wall Berlin is booming with a lively arts scene, cool architecture and an edgy new crop of restaurants and clubs. If you have time to do only five things, make sure it's these PAGE 11

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On the web

How much is that tiger in the window?

After last year's chilling slaughter of more than two dozen tigers, leopards and lions by a suicidal owner of an exotic animal farm in Ohio, U.S. lawmakers are rethinking the rules. In some states, it's easier to buy atiger or lion from a breeder than it is to adopt a kitten. Get the full story and video at metronews.ca

Hazing death in Florida

Five Florida band members have been charged after a ritual hazing went horribly wrong last year. Drummer Robert Champion suffered blunt trauma and died from shock caused by severe bleeding after he was hazed by other band members on a bus parked outside an Orlando hotel. It has been suggested he was targeted because Champion was gay. Read the full story at metronews.ca

Mobile news

The instructions are simple: Hold up an old photo in front of the place where it was originally shot, take a picture of the picture, then write a dedication about what the photo means to you. Scan the code for more on the web phenomenon.

May Day draws fewer than 100 protesters

Re-Occupy movement. Just weeks after 4/20, Victoria Park and the downtown core played host to yet another protest

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About 60 activists gathered inside Victoria Park Tuesday evening to participate in the worldwide rally celebrating a number of left-wing movements.

May Day, also known as International Workers' Day, is a global protest usually aimed at spreading awareness about labour issues. The Forest City's group, organized by Occupy London, focused most of their dialogue on the way in which the Harper government handles "the rest" of the population.

"We're driving home the 99 per cent concept," May Day spokesperson Anthony Verberkmoes said prior to the rally. "We don't have much say in society."

At approximately 6 p.m., after an hour's worth of speeches and chants, the contingent began marching through the downtown core.

Their final destination was London City Hall.

Like the 4/20 protest less than two weeks ago, police monitored mobile activists, shutting down each street as they marched on roadways.

"This is just an action of working-class power," Verberkmoes added. "I've been looking to celebrate May Day for a long time. Hearing about Occupy London helped generate interest for myself and others."

The group continued their chants from the park as they walked, echoing common themes of unequal wealth distribution and shaky political power.

"There's a real sense of community with everyone," Western University student Bailey Lamon said.

"We're trying to bring local groups together."

Among the handful of speakers at the pre-March gathering were Patti Dalton of the London and District Labour Council and Holli Lynne of Amazon Collective.

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The message

"We're driving home the 99 per cent concept. We don't have much say in society."

Anthony Verberkmoes, May Day spokesperson

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A handful of young activists, who had previously participated in a May Day rally inside Victoria Park, march with a large group of protesters through downtown London before making their way by foot to city hall. A day-long gathering at the park was organized by the Occupy London movement. JOHN MATISZ/METRO LONDON

Council. Final battle fought in Reservoir Hill saga

City councillors gave the final go ahead Tuesday to a controversial west London condo tower.

In a 10-5 vote, council approved the site plan for a 12-storey, 165-unit development on what's commonly called Reservoir Hill — a heavily wooded lot at Springbank Drive and Commissioners Road West.

The decision puts to rest a more than decade-long debate that's seen developer Tony Graat appeal multiple rejected site plans to the Ontario Municipal Board. Those opposed to the development — which the OMB set guidelines for in a 2001 decision — heckled politicians after Tuesday's vote, shouting "cowards" and "wimps" from the gallery.

"When's the next election folks? Remember that," one woman yelled.

The main issue, opponents have said, is that the developer's newest plan has a footprint nearly 50 per cent larger than what the municipal board wanted.

Councillors spent about 30 minutes talking behind closed doors with the city solicitor before openly debating the issue.

Speaking before they voted, several mentioned the possibility of a court battle if the site plan was blocked at this point. The majority of council gave it a green light in September with a condition that the developer meet a series of conditions, like submitting hydrological studies and a landscaping plan. Those conditions have been met, city staff said in a report last week.

"If we continue this action of this building not being put up … we're going to end up not only having the building, but we're going to end up paying for half of it," Coun. Stephen Orser said. ANGELA MULLINS/METRO

Prices are rising

Ontario consumers to start paying more for electricity

Get ready for a heftier hydro bill.

Ontario residents will start paying more for electricity starting Tuesday.

A typical household using 800 kilowatt hours a month will see the "electricity" line on their hydro bill increase by nearly six dollars, while consumers using smart meters — or time-of-use pricing — will see an increase of about four dollars.

The Ontario Energy Board, which reviews the rates twice a year, said prices are changing as coal-fired generation declines and is replaced with natural gas, nuclear and renewable energy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Upcoming concerts

Carrie Underwood to bring country flavour to London

It looks like country superstar Carrie Underwood is coming to the John Labatt Centre.

In support of her fourth CD release available Tuesday, titled Blown Away, Underwood has the JLC on Dec. 6 listed as one of five Canadian dates on her North American tour.

ACM new artist of the year nominee Hunter Hayes is the opening act.

There is no word on tickets sales yet.

In other London concert news, rock legend John Fogerty will perform CCR classics on the JLC stage Sept. 13.

On the tour, titled Wrote a Song for Everyone: John Fogerty Performs Live! The Albums of Creedence Clearwater Revival, Fogerty will perform the albums Cosmo's Factory and Bayou Country on alternate nights across Canada.

The London performance will include Bayou Country in its entirety along with other CCR songs and solo hits.

Tickets ($20, $49.50, $65.50) on sale Friday at 10 a.m. Visit the JLC website for more info. METRO

Survey. Some single Canucks prefer watching hockey over romance

The power of sport is undeniable.

Professional teams pump millions of dollars into building a roster capable of competing in the big game, players devote countless hours to prepare for the next big game, and fans weep when their team doesn't win.

But can sports, specifically hockey, actually deter us from dating?

According to a survey completed by online dating website Match.com, 20 per cent of Canadian singles would rather watch a hockey game than go on a date.

Conducted in October 2011, the study asked more than 1,000 Canadians what they would prefer in a hypothetical situation.

"We have long-term relationships with our teams," said Kimberly Moffit, relationship insider for Match.com. "We have a similar emotional attachment to sports teams as we do to people sometimes."

Women are almost as likely as men to choose hockey over dating, as 10 per cent of female singles said they date less during the hockey season, while 14 per cent of male singles said the same.

Provincially, a nation-high 23 per cent of Quebec-based singles said they wouldn't date someone who doesn't follow or like hockey. In Ontario, only 17 per cent would shrug off a non-hockey person.

"It could actually create a flirtatious date environment," Moffit said, adding that having a common interest in such a competitive sport could up the flirting ante. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Reader's comments

What do you think of the Match.com study results that state 20 per cent of Canadian singles would rather watch hockey than go on a date?

"It's a very Canadian response."

Victor Veron, 21, London

"Personally, I'd rather watch hockey at home, too."

Raeden Wenzel, 14, London

"To me, that's pretty sad. Why not get up and do something?"

Kasia Kaczmar, 21, London

"I'm not single, but if I was I would definitely not be staying home watching hockey."

Iona Cialacu, 22, London

"Perhaps they're saying, 'You can date online instead.' It speaks to people feeling disillusioned, too. Or maybe people just really like hockey."

Dan Oudshoorn, 32, Vancouver

Deadline deal a real score for the Knights

OHL playoffs. Along with proven goal-scorer Greg McKegg, London has benefited from acquiring wily veteran Brett Cook

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In hindsight, it's looking like one of the better swaps of the OHL season.

At the trade deadline, Brett Cook, Greg McKegg and Tyson Teichmann were dealt from the Erie Otters to the London Knights for Dane Fox, Troy Donnay and a pair of second-round picks.

Greg McKegg

Both the squads got what they wanted: Erie nabbed relative youth to inject into their rebuilding lineup, while London plucked away a pair of veterans to complement their first-place roster.

When the Knights open up the OHL championship series Thursday, McKegg will be front and centre. It will be the first time the St. Thomas native will dress since suffering an upper-body injury during Game 6 of the Western Conference semifinal.

"I don't think you'll see much of a change in my play," the 19-year-old Toronto Maple Leafs prospect said. "I just have to keep doing what I'm doing and contribute to the strong unit we have here."

Before his four-game stint on the shelf, McKegg had nine points in 10 playoff games. And while the sniper has been leaned on for supplemental scoring since arriving in London, teammate Cook, 21, has embraced a dissimilar role as the squad's sturdy No. 5 defenceman.

To put their differences in perspective, McKegg recorded nine more points in the 2011-12 regular season than Cook has over 246 regular season games in the OHL.

Nevertheless, the six-foot, 200-pound blueliner has done his part on the back end. From killing penalties to a game-saving dive across the Knights' goal-line in Game 3 against the Windsor Spitfires, Cook has been his typical self during the duo's first real playoff experience.

Neither saw the second round of the post-season as members of the oft-lowly Otters.

"Where would you rather be — at home or here?" Cook asked rhetorically. "It's not nice enough at home to do anything anyways, so it's definitely a thrill to be playing hockey still."

McKegg — who could technically play one more year of major-junior hockey next year — will likely turn pro after the season.

"Whatever happens, happens. I haven't thought once about what I am doing next year," McKegg said.

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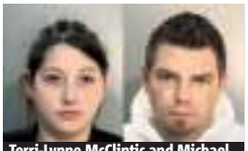
Overage defenceman Brett Cook, acquired at the trade deadline from the Erie Otters, takes a stick-whipping slapshot during a drill at London Knights practice Tuesday afternoon. The team is preparing for the OHL championship series against the Niagara IceDogs. Game 1 goes Thursday at the John Labatt Centre. JOHN MATISZ/METRO

Youth for experience

In January, the London Knights traded away 167 games of OHL experience (Fox, Donnay) for 571 (Teichmann, McKegg, Cook).

Rafferty's lawyer probes witness account

Testimony. Crown attorney questions defence witness's memory of events



Terri-Lynne McClintic and Michael Rafferty. THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Testimony at the trial of the man accused in the murder of eight-year-old Victoria Stafford wrapped up Tuesday as Michael Rafferty's lawyer tried to undermine the Crown's key witness, but stopped short of putting his client on the witness stand.

Dirk Derstine opened and closed the defence's case with a single witness — a woman who was one of the last people to see Tori alive on April 8, 2009 — in hopes of casting doubt on the assertion that Tori had been abducted at random.

The grandmother, whose name cannot be published, picked up her grandchildren from Oliver Stephens Public School in Woodstock and said she saw a woman matching Terri-Lynne McClintic's description go into the school.

Later, she said, she saw the same woman walking away with Tori — an image now hauntingly familiar in surveillance video that allegedly shows the abduction.

"(She) seemed like she was on a mission," the woman testified. "The little girl that was with her was happy, skipping, talking a mile a minute ... I assumed the person that she was talking to might have been her mother."

McClintic has admitted to being the woman in the video. In March, she told a horrifying story of a drug-addled couple plucking a girl from a crowd of school children, using her for the man's sexual pleasure, then McClintic brutally killing her.

Crown attorney Michael Carnegie questioned the grandmother's recollection of the woman going into the school versus the woman walking with Tori. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tara McDonald, left, mother of slain Victoria (Tori) Stafford, and her partner James Goris, arrive at the courthouse in London for the trial of Michael Rafferty on Tuesday. GEOFF ROBINS/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Closing arguments

Rafferty trial entering its final days

The Crown wrapped up its case against Michael Rafferty last week. Now the defence has finished, it paves the way for closing arguments to begin.

Jurors were told defence lawyer Dirk Derstine will present his final arguments on Friday, the Crown will close on Monday and the judge will deliver his charge to the jury on Tuesday.

Since it began March 5, the trial has heard from 62 witnesses and seen 190 exhibits. The case against Rafferty is a circumstantial one, with the key witness, Terri-Lynne McClintic, offering jurors two different stories of what happened to Tori Stafford.

From the time she confessed on May 19, 2009, until January of this year, she maintained Rafferty was the one who killed Tori. McClintic has now testified that the sight of Rafferty sexually assaulting Tori prompted a surge of pent-up rage, causing her to grab a hammer and kill the girl. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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WSIB. McGuinty claims motives 'pure' in appointment of Witmer

Premier Dalton McGuinty is rejecting opposition accusations that he gave veteran Progressive Conservative Elizabeth Witmer a plum appointment in hopes of winning a Liberal majority government.

The Liberals fell just one seat short of a majority last October, but McGuinty insisted Tuesday his motives were "pure" when he named Witmer to head the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board.

The NDP accused McGuinty of trying to "buy" Witmer's seat to win a majority in the byelection that will be needed to replace her.

"I just don't believe that's what motivated Elizabeth Witmer when we asked her," McGuinty said.

When reporters pointed out they were asking his motivation for the surprise appointment, the premier again turned it back on Witmer.

"It takes two, right, it takes two, and when we approached her, I'm sure she gave consideration to all the ramifications," said McGuinty. "The fact of the matter is she's the best person available for the job."

Just minutes before suggesting he wasn't motivated by a desire for a majority, McGuinty said Ontario's credit rating was downgraded last week in part because of concerns the province has a minority government.

Premier Dalton McGuinty FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"The common refrain was: these guys have a minority government and there are risks associated with their capacity to deliver on an ambitious (budget) plan," he said.

The opposition parties said McGuinty nominated Witmer for the job, which pays $188,000 a year, because the Liberals hate being in a minority situation where they aren't fully in control.

"These guys just can't work with other people so they're trying to find another route, and that means doing everything they can to buy a seat," said NDP critic Taras Natyshak.

"You're enticing an Opposition MPP with a lucrative job at a post that she in the past, according to the Liberals, wasn't fit for."

The New Democrats dug up old quotes from Liberals critical of Witmer's treatment of the WSIB when she was Labour Minister. The Conservatives insisted they have the utmost respect for Witmer, but say McGuinty was motivated solely by his desire for a majority in offering her the WSIB job.

"No one trusts Dalton McGuinty any more," said PC critic Monte McNaughton.

"He'll do anything to get a majority government. He'll spend any amount of taxpayers' money to do it, so I do question his motives."

McGuinty also dismissed speculation he would call a snap byelection in Kitchener-Waterloo to replace Witmer in hopes of catching the Tories and NDP unprepared.

"When it comes to these kinds of things my natural inclination is not to move in too quickly, to take our time, so I don't feel an overwhelming need to get this going."

McGuinty has up to six months to call the byelection.

NDP Leader Andrea Horwath said she doesn't know what will prompt McGuinty to call the vote, but insisted the premier only wanted a byelection to get his majority. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Word that Black to be allowed back heats up Commons

Disgraced media baron to return to Canada. Kenney accused NDP of trying to politicize immigration issues

Conrad Black leaves after his bail hearing on Friday, July 23, 2010, in Chicago. RYAN REMIORZ/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conrad Black will be allowed to return to Canada when he is freed from a Florida jail later this week, The Canadian Press has learned.

A source has confirmed the disgraced media baron has been granted a one-year temporary resident permit by the Citizenship and Immigration department.

The decision sparked a heated exchange Tuesday in the House of Commons over allegations of special treatment and double standards.

"Matters such as this are a matter of personal privacy," Citizenship and Immigration Minister Jason Kenney told NDP Leader Tom Mulcair in the Commons, to boos and heckling from the opposition benches. "I cannot comment on specific cases without a privacy waiver."

Nonetheless, Kenney went on to describe his department's handling of Black's application, which he said came in February.

"Having said that, I can advise the House with respect to this individual, I indicated to my department that I would not have any involvement in an application from that individual, and that his application would be treated by highly trained, independent members of our public service," said Kenney.

The NDP leader raised the case of American Gary Freeman, who — despite four decades of quiet life in Canada where he has raised a family — has been denied a temporary resident permit because of 30-day sentence he served in Chicago in the 1960s.

"It is a clear case of a double standard, one for an American black man from Chicago, another for a British white man coming out of federal penitentiary in Chicago," said Mulcair, drawing cries of "shame!" from the government benches.

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Court sides with injured vets on benefits

Veteran John Labelle goes through security screening at Federal Court in Halifax on Wednesday Nov. 16, 2011. A Federal Court ruling that Ottawa should stop clawing back disability benefits from former Canadian Forces members is a key legal victory for some of the country's most injured veterans, their lawyers say. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Tuition hike protests

Student leaders heckled at Quebec news conference

Divisions in Quebec's protest movement erupted into public view Tuesday, with masked demonstrators disrupting a news conference held by more moderate student groups.

The bizarre scene, featuring black-clad, anonymous protesters heckling student leaders raises new questions about whether the government can negotiate a settlement with demonstrators that will keep the social peace.

The two student groups holding the news conference were trying to release a series of proposals to the government, aimed at resolving a weeks-long dispute over tuition.

But according to the small group that crashed the news conference, even those proposals went too far. The masked protesters repeatedly heckled the student leaders and at one point force an interruption of the news conference.

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Osama bin Laden. 1 year anniversary of his death

A Pakistani shepherd leads livestock along a road in Abbottabad Sunday. MUHAMMED MUHEISEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

One year since U.S. commandos flew into this Pakistani army town and killed Osama bin Laden, Islamabad has failed to answer tough questions over whether its security forces were protecting the world's most wanted terrorist.

Partly as a result, fallout from the raid still poisons relations between Washington and Pakistan, where anti-American sentiment, support for Islamist extremism and anger at the violation of sovereignty in the operation can be summed up by a Twitter hashtag doing the rounds: 02MayBlackDay.

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The Netherlands

No more pot buying for Dutch tourists

A policy barring foreign tourists from buying marijuana in the Netherlands went into effect in parts of the country Tuesday, with attention focused on the southern city of Maastricht, where a cafe was warned over violating the ban and around 200 smokers marched in protest.

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Tragedy in India

Overloaded river ferry capsizes

Rescuers on Tuesday had recovered 103 bodies from a turbulent northeastern river after a heavily packed ferry capsized, saying they feared that dozens of others had been swept by the current to neighbouring Bangladesh.

The overloaded ferry overturned and broke into two pieces in stormy weather late Monday. About 100 people were still missing Tuesday evening. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Cuba. Castro seems set to lift travel restrictions

After controlling the comings and goings of its people for five decades, communist Cuba appears on the verge of a momentous decision to lift many travel restrictions. One senior official says a "radical and profound" change is weeks away.

The comment by Parliament Chief Ricardo Alarcon has residents, exiles and policymakers abuzz with speculation that the much-hated exit visa could be a thing of the past, even if Raul Castro's government continues to limit the travel of doctors, scientists, military personnel and others in sensitive roles to prevent a brain drain.

Other top Cuban officials have cautioned against overexcitement, leaving islanders and Cuba experts to wonder how far Havana's leaders are willing to go.

In the past 18 months, Castro has removed prohibitions on some private enterprise, legalized real estate and car sales, and allowed compatriots to hire employees, ideas that were long anathema to the government's Marxist underpinnings. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Auto sales

Chrysler sales up, truck sales down

Chrysler models were again the best-selling vehicles in Canada in April as other big name automakers reported slipping sales.

Automakers remarked on an ongoing trend in which consumers are shifting their choices from trucks to cars, hybrids and fuel-efficient vehicles amid rising gasoline prices.

Chrysler said it sold 24,540 vehicles in April, up three per cent from 2011.

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Market Minute

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Manufacturing

Cinram losing customers

Cinram International's long-suffering unitholders took another hit Tuesday after the DVD and CD manufacturer announced it's losing a "non-core" customer that accounts for about six per cent of overall revenue.

Cinram units (TSX:CRW.UN) dropped by 50 per cent to half a cent at mid-afternoon. The units have fallen from 66 cents a year ago and $26.50 five years ago, when it was one of the world's largest producers of recorded media. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Airline

Delta buying refinery to cut costs

Delta Air Lines is buying a refinery in a novel — and some say risky — attempt to slice $300 million a year from its escalating jet fuel bill.

The airline said Monday that it is buying a refinery near Philadelphia for $150 million from Phillips 66, a refining company being spun off from ConocoPhillips. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

RIM reveals new operating system

BlackBerry. 'We're taking our time to get this right' says CEO about improved BlackBerry 10 OS

RIM CEO Thorsten Heins shows off a BlackBerry with the new operating system, which is still being tested. REINHOLD MATAY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The chief executive of Research In Motion, Thorsten Heins, stood before the developers who could play a crucial role in the company's future and gave them a first look Tuesday at the new BlackBerry 10 operating system.

The widely anticipated unveiling at its annual BlackBerry World conference centered on some awe-inspiring technological developments sandwiched between pounding club music and a heavy dose of flashing spotlights that could send any raver into a tizzy.

The three-day showcase is intended to get fickle programmers excited about the future of RIM (TSX:RIM) and developing applications for the BlackBerry 10. The Waterloo company is struggling to recover from numerous blunders over the past year, including flagging sales, a woefully underdeveloped apps store and criticism that it hasn't released a new smartphone in ages.

"We're taking our time to make sure we get this right," Heins told developers shortly before revealing the prototype at the keynote address.

"I know how much hard work went into this," he added.

Heins, who marked his 100th day atop the smartphone maker on Tuesday, then pulled a touch-screen device from his pocket running the BlackBerry 10 OS in its beta version.

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Camera

A new camera excited the conference's audience.

- **One feature captures several frames in quick succession, which can be combined to create a single "ideal" picture. If one person blinked in a photo, it can be replaced with an image of their face taken moments earlier with their eyes open.**

Analysis

RIM takes blame for flashmob

BlackBerry-maker Research In Motion has admitted their role in organizing an anti-Apple flashmob outside a Sydney, Australia Apple Store last week.

The stunt, which saw dozens of black-clothed people arrive outside the Sydney store in a coach bus and wave "Wake up" signs at Apple customers inside the shop, drew criticism in the blogosphere as an "embarrassing" marketing attempt.

A number of tech-focused websites first pointed the finger at Samsung, the smartphone company known for its Apple-targeted campaigns. But Samsung denied their role in the guerrilla marketing campaign.

MacWorld Australia revealed on April 29 that they found a Double Click URL on a 'Wake Up' webpage that had ties to RIM Australia.

The campaign is said to be part of RIM's promotion for BlackBerry OS 10.

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THERE ARE NO WINNERS IN THE LINGERIE FOOTBALL LEAGUE

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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It wasn't easy, but I'm pretty sure I've discovered the worst idea ever spawned.

If you were going to start a Museum for Morons, this would be the cornerstone: The Lingerie Football League.

Here's the "concept": teams of scantily clad women play tackle football. There are seven players to a side, and, in addition to shoulder pads and helmets, their uniforms include garters, bras and panties.

As far as I can tell, there are no male cheerleader squads in their tighty-whities, cheering on local favourites such as the Los Angeles Temptations, Lingerie Bowl champs for three years in row, or the Philadelphia Passion, last year's losers.

No league of their own

The sad thing is that despite the automatic gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and when asked, would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town.

Here's the thing: The LFL is too stupid to live, at least in the U.S. The league recently announced it has shut down U.S. operations to concentrate on re-opening in April 2013 (remind you of the restaurant that's shut down for "renovations?") In the meantime, the only teams on the field in 2012 will be in — wait for it — Canada.

Apparently there are enough hosers left in the Great White North to watch women humiliate themselves for nothing. The league stopped paying players at the beginning of the 2011 season. If they get hurt in those ridiculous getups, tough. They pay their own health insurance, except in Canada where you and I pay for their health care.

There are four teams set to begin the season: the BC Angels, the Toronto Triumph, and to the eternal shame of Saskatchewan, the Regina Rage and the Saskatoon Sirens. The teams will play eight games, culminating in the Canadian Lingerie Bowl the day before the Grey Cup. The CFL should sue for unwanted proximity.

The sad thing is (but not the only sad thing! There's a plethora of sad things!) that despite the automatic gratuitous titillation that comes with this farce, some of the young women who play the game can actually play, and when asked, would rather play in a serious league that requires clothes. But LFL is the only game in town. Actually four towns. In Canada.

It will be interesting to see if any of these games are actually played. And if they are, if anyone shows up to watch. Even the most dedicated fans of the Rage or the Angels will be hard-pressed to explain where they're going instead of mowing the lawn or power-washing the deck: "Oh, just to watch a football game played by women in their sexy lingerie. Some of the girls can, um, play."

Toronto Triumph, in blue, host the Baltimore Charm in Lingerie Football League action at the Ricoh Coliseum in Toronto in this file photo.
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No need for the pouch

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Baby in a bag

Baby wallaby bags new home

DUNSTABLE, ENGLAND. A tiny baby wallaby has been saved and is now being raised inside a backpack. Tilly, a seventh-month-old Bennett's wallaby, is being hand-reared by Whipsnade Zoo keepers using a rucksack and blanket as a substitute marsupium after being found out of her mother's pouch. **METRO**

Pouch of safety

- After birth, wallabies immediately crawl into their mothers' pouches where they continue to develop after birth. Young wallabies, like kangaroos, are called joeys. Even after a joey leaves the pouch, it often returns to jump in to evade danger.

Zoo staff expect Tilly to live in the bag for another two months.
GETTY IMAGES

Bag lady

"She spends most of the day snuggled up in her rucksack with a blanket, where she's warm and safe, but has started to become more adventurous, hopping about and venturing out a bit more."

Jo Shirley, Whipsnade Zoo keeper

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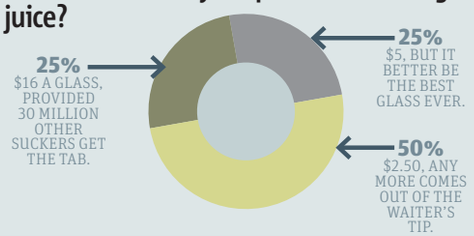
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@linzsage: Looking for a professional make-up artist for a vid shoot. Recommendations in #ldnont? Thx all!

@ashleighweeden: Some cool stuff happening in #ldnont these days: 4th Wall exhibit up in City Hall lobby, Re-Think launches Thurs nite. Would love to see you!

@tabithalavoie: Anyone in #ldnont looking for Bryan Adams tickets for Sat? A friend can't use them anymore Section 108. She paid $80;will take best offer.

@kwoodend: My arm is achey after an evening of bowling @Palasad #ldnont #tooaggressive

@MarcSmith9: Leaving @westernu after 4 years is like leaving a party at midnight...gonna miss this place #ontothenext #UWO

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Scene in brief

Genie's and Gemini's become one show

Canada's top film and television awards bashes are being combined into a single televised ceremony. The Academy of Canadian Cinema & Television says it is merging annual broadcasts of the Genie Awards, which salute the best in film, and the Gemini Awards, which celebrate homegrown television. Academy chair Martin Katz says the move follows "extensive industry consultation and outreach." The next gala will be a two-hour event on March 3, 2013 airing on CBC-TV. The annual Gemeaux Awards will celebrate French-language television and digital media on Radio-Canada on Sept. 16, as previously announced. Shows currently eligible for the 2012 Gemini Awards will be part of the academy's new awards show in March 2013.
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On the web

Wheel of Fortune and Jeopardy dropped from CBC-TV fall schedule

Javier Bardem, left, stands with Daniel Craig. The two square off in the new James Bond film. DAVID DETTMAN/METRO WORLD NEWS

Fall in love with a villain

New Bond film. Javier Bardem wants you to sympathize with his character as he tries to kill James Bond

KIERON MONKS
Metro World News

It's a dirty job trying to kill James Bond, but Javier Bardem does not believe he is the bad guy.

"Actors are the lawyers of our characters and we defend them no matter what," he smiles.

Penelope Cruz's husband is serious when he describes super-villain Raoul Silva as a "very complex character."

His attempt to win sympathy for the devil was inspired by Bruno Ganz's performance as Adolf Hitler in The Downfall.

Bardem already looks bulletproof. In 2007, the 53 year-old became the first Spaniard ever to win an Oscar, for playing psychopathic killer in No Country For Old Men, and his casting opposite 007 confirms his rise to Hollywood royalty status.

"This is only my second commercial movie, the territory is still new to me," says Bardem, who spent most of his career in low-budget, experimental cinema. "But, for me, it's the same. The set is bigger, the money is bigger, but the commitment is the same."

He has enjoyed his duel with "impressive" Daniel Craig, although Bardem did not share his rival's love of the gym, and kept in shape by eating only fish and vegetables. Although happy to play the villain, life-long Bond fan Bardem would not rule out a job swap to wear the tuxedo in future.

"I'm open, but Daniel is doing a great job."

Online

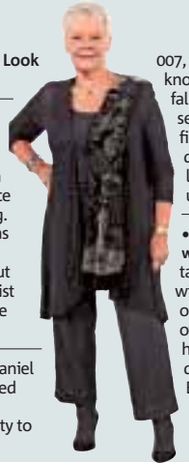
Want more bond?

- **Website.** Go online to metronews.ca/features for our complete look at 50 years of James Bond movies.

Spoiler alert

Prediction time: Look out for these...

- **M dies.** A shock as the MI6 chief has been with the series since the beginning. Judi Dench has played M for seven films but rumours persist this will be the last.
- **Spy feelings.** Daniel Craig is credited with bringing more humanity to 007, and he says we "get to know him better" in Skyfall. Part of this involves seeing his home for the first time, and possibly discovering that he leaves all his washing up in the sink.
- **The best of both worlds.** Key scenes will take place in Asia. Bond will confront villain Silva on the Japanese Island of Hashima, and test his luck in a gorgeously designed Macau casino. But expect plenty of action in London, including an epic chase.



CFL wide receiver Brad Smith. HANDOUT

CFL wide receiver. Brad Smith to seek soulmate as star of Bachelor Canada

Canadian Football League wide receiver Brad Smith will seek his soulmate as the star of The Bachelor Canada when it premieres in the fall.

The program will be modelled after the popular U.S reality show The Bachelor.

A statement from Rogers Media describes Smith as "driven, confident, candid and comfortable in his own skin."

It goes on to say he is attracted to women "who are independent, intelligent, and just as confident in a ponytail, sweatpants and sweatshirt as they are all dressed up for a night out on the town."

The 28-year-old athlete says he's "extremely honoured" to be chosen, adding that he takes the experience very seriously and believes in the process. Additional details, including the identity of the host and the 25 bachelorettes, are still to be revealed.
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John Mayer ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Singing to let it sink in: Mayer's new song about getting over Aniston

John Mayer is reportedly using Shadow Days, a song off his new album, to finally process the end of his relationship with Jennifer Aniston, according to Us Weekly.

"It really took him a long time to get over her. He really loved her a lot," a source says. "He wrote the song as a farewell letter knowing (Jen) would hear it. Ultimately he's done a lot of self-reflection though, and he realizes they weren't right for each other." In the video for the song, Mayer drives along a lonely desert road, singing, "I finally learned to let it go."

METRO DISH

OUR TAKE ON THE WORLD OF CELEBRITIES

The Word

Jessica finally has that baby

THE WORD
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Although Jessica Simpson didn't have the longest pregnancy in the world, it certainly felt like she did.

Well, the eternal wait ended yesterday with Simpson and her fiancé Eric Johnson announcing the birth (finally!) of daughter Maxwell Drew Johnson.

The baby was certainly well-marinated, weighing in at 9 lbs, 13 oz. But lest Maxwell Drew get all the attention, let's look at which other celebrities popped out a baby while we were all fixated on Simpson's ever-expanding waistline.

• Katherine Heigl and husband Josh Kelley expanded their family and adopted another daughter, according to People magazine.

• It was announced in March that Charlize Theron adopted a baby. "She is the proud mom of a healthy baby boy named Jackson," her rep told People magazine.

The only birth to overshadow Simpson's? Beyoncé and Jay-Z welcoming daughter Blue Ivy Carter in January. Of course, they are our version of royalty, whereas Jessica Simpson is a reality TV star/shoemaker.

Gyllenhaal welcomes baby girl after keeping mum on pregnancy

Maggie Gyllenhaal and Peter Sarsgaard welcomed their second daughter, Gloria Ray, last week, their rep confirms to People magazine. The pair, who married in 2009, also have a 5-year-old daughter, Ramona.

Gloria Ray was born April 19 in New York. Gyllenhaal kept mum on her pregnancy this time around as long as she could.

"I find it difficult to pretend you're not pregnant, which I had to do," she told USA Today in March. "I didn't let anyone know until three-and-a-half months this time. I went to film festivals. I'm throwing up in the bathroom and having to keep pretzels in my purse, and having to fit into dresses."

Twitter

@alecbaldwin
If everyone that follows me sent me $20, I would be able to finally have some well-deserved peace and quiet...

@BetteMidler
People, I have just recovered from being a clue in @NYTimes Crossword puzzle yesterday...

@SaraKSilverman
Fun fact: despite all the dirty tweets I send, the one about this march for women has received the most hate mail

@SethMacFarlane
If you have ever pinned a "Cathy" strip to the wall of your cubicle, I am content for us to remain strangers.

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Tourists look through a crack in a still-existing portion of the Berlin Wall at the main memorial . METRO WORLD NEWS

5 Berlin Surprises

Think Berlin is simply a city of bad graffiti and raves? Au contraire! We found some chilled out lounges and delicious food.

METRO WORLD NEWS

1 Unexpectedly good aesthetic

Despite what you see in the movies, it's not all Soviet concrete (though there's a fair share) — Berlin is an interesting mix of Paris meets the Ukraine. The result is surprisingly pretty, and the city's Bauhaus School sensibility stamps industrial design, architecture, even kitchenware. Be sure to visit the Bauhus Archiv, and then spot influences throughout the city.

Bauhaus Archiv
Klingelhöferstraße 14
10785 Berlin, Germany
+49 30 2540-020

2 There's chilled-out local bars

OD'd on IDM? When you're ready to recover from the raves, take a break from the glo sticks at this sophisticated but relaxed bar. Scotch and Sofa boasts a décor that screams junk sale-meets-Mad Men, but the crowd is diverse and definitely local to the up-and-coming Prenzlauer Berg 'hood. Look for an excellent cocktail menu and generous pours.

Scotch and Sofa
Kollwitzstraße 18
10405 Berlin
+4930 44042371
+49 30 2540-020

3 Live music in an intimate setting

Not a raver but still looking for a night 'out'? Try Das Hotel. It's a bar-cum-jazz club jammed into a shopfront, with a labyrinth of nooks rather than rooms to post up. Enjoy the live jazz and sip whisky. How civilized. (And smoker alert! You can smoke inside here.) Cash only so be prepared.

Das Hotel
Mariannenstrase 26A
10999 Berlin
+493084118433
dashotelclassic.blogspot.co.uk

4 Terrific Asian food?!?!

Balance the famous currywurst with light and spicy meals that surpass your expectations. Popular spot Monsieur Vuong has an achingly small menu (enough to inspire panic when you're first seated) but fast service and knockout Vietnamese pho. Daily specials round out the offering. Local treasure Minh Quang is completely unassuming but inexpensive, fast and great food. Make sure you try the homemade lemonade.

Monsieur Vuong
Alte Schönhauser Straße 46
10119 Berlin-Mitte
+4930 9929 6924

Minh Quang
Greifswalder Straße 216
10405 Berlin
+49 30 44352062

5 Unexpected market shopping

The Mauerpark Flohmarkt —"Mauerpark" means "wallpark" and used to be an area enclosed by the Berlin Wall —sells antiques, records, homemade jewelry and more. Top it off with a nod to the city's Turkish population at the massive lunch counter serving eastern delicacies.

Walk to the market by starting at the corner of Bernauer Strasse and Gartenstrasse, and see sections of the wall and the memorial on the way.

Mauerpark Flohmarkt
mauerparkmarkt.de
Berlin Wall Memorial
Bernauer Straße 111
13355 Berlin-Mitte

Travel in brief

Last minute booking? There's an app for that

For those times when you suddenly need a hotel room but have no idea where to book, a new mobile app that launched in Canada last Thursday promises to find the best deal for a last-minute stay. According to Sam Shank, there's a multi-billion-dollar business opportunity in offering cut-rate hotel rooms with mere hours to spare.

The CEO of the mobile app HotelTonight, now available in Toronto and Vancouver, says there's big money in helping hotels clear out their inventory at the last minute. And he says needing a hotel room with no advance notice is a surprisingly common dilemma, especially among business travellers. "We're going after the spontaneous or last-minute need," says Shank, noting he doesn't recommend that thrifty travellers hold off on booking a hotel until the day of their trip. It's for "people who woke up in the morning and didn't realize they were going to need or want a hotel room. Starting at noon local time each day, users loading up HotelTonight's Apple or Android app can search for offers available that night, with the option of extending the reservation by an additional four nights.

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On the web

Website names top 50 people's choice restaurants in Canada

Celebrate fresh & light flavours of spring with delicious roasted fare

Look for local lamb at the market or in stores now as spring is always a favourite time of year to cook it up. This recipe is perfect for a Sunday dinner to share with family and friends.

1. In a small bowl, stir together Dijon, rosemary, garlic and olive oil.

2. Place lamb in a roasting pan and rub marinade over entire surface of the lamb. Roast lamb in the centre of a 190 C (375 F) oven for 60 to 90 minutes or until internal temperature reaches 52 C (125 F) at the thickest point for medium rare. Roast longer for desired doneness. Let lamb rest for 30 minutes before slicing.

3. Walnut Salsa: Meanwhile, in a bowl, stir together chopped walnuts, parsley, mint, anchovies, capers, peppercorns, oil, lemon rind and juice until combined. Spoon over sliced lamb to serve.

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Ingredients

- 30 ml (2 tbsp) Dijon mustard
- 30 ml (2 tbsp) chopped fresh rosemary
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) olive oil
- 1 kg (2 lb) boneless leg of lamb

Walnut Salsa:

- 250 ml (1 cup) chopped walnuts
- 125 ml (1/2 cup) each chopped fresh parsley and mint
- 6 anchovy fillets, minced
- 60 ml (1/4 cup) capers, rinsed and chopped
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) green peppercorns in brine, drained and minced
- 75 ml (1/3 cup) walnut oil
- 10 ml (2 tsp) grated lemon rind
- 45 ml (3 tbsp) lemon juice

Roasted Lamb

This recipe serves four to six people. THE CANADIAN PRESS HANDOUT

Drink of the Week

Chocolate Covered Pretzel

While little kids enjoy chocolate covered pretzels, this is the adult version of the timeless snack.

A mix of luscious Frangelico liqueur and whipped cream flavoured vodka, it's perfect as a sweet and salty shot.

Take the Chocolate Covered Pretzel shot by pouring salt on your hand followed by the drink.

1. Shake with ice, pour into a shot glass. Lick salt then take the Chocolate Covered Pretzel shot.

- 1 oz Frangelico
- 1 oz Pinnacle Whipped Vodka

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Ideal combo of roasted tomatoes & nuts

This recipe serves four. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nuts often get a bad rap because of their high fat content. But the fat in most nuts is the healthy unsaturated variety.

The trick is moderation. And because nuts are so rich, moderation can be easy. All that rich flavour means it doesn't take much to feel satisfied. Whether you prefer to incorporate them in a dish, sprinkle them on a salad, or snack them by the handful, they are a great choice for healthy eating.

This recipe showcases walnuts in a composed salad of roasted tomatoes and creamy, herbed ricotta cheese. For a great dinner, serve this alongside a piece of crusty multigrain bread with some greens and a grilled chicken breast.

1. Heat oven to 325 F. Place wire rack over rimmed baking sheet. Spray with cooking spray.

2. Arrange tomatoes on rack, cut sides up. Sprinkle tomatoes with the salt, sugar and white pepper. Roast 1 hour. Flip the tomatoes over and roast for another hour, or until the tomatoes are soft, wrinkly and have shrunken considerably in size.

3. While tomatoes roasting, in bowl stir ricotta, basil, thyme and oregano. Set aside to allow the flavours to meld.

4. Serve the herbed ricotta alongside the roasted tomato halves. Sprinkle with toasted walnuts and drizzle lightly with balsamic vinegar, if using.

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Ingredients

- 4 large tomatoes, halved and cored
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon sugar
- 1/4 teaspoon ground white pepper
- 1 cup low-fat ricotta cheese
- 1 tablespoon chopped fresh basil
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh thyme
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh oregano
- 1/4 cup chopped walnuts
- Balsamic vinegar (optional)

The skill switchover

You've got a lot to offer. How to sell your transferable part-time job skills for full-time employment

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I've gone through the interview process countless times and I think the most important piece of advice I can offer is: sell your transferable skills.

After graduating from university or college, many of us do not have the experience we need to land our dream jobs. What we do have, however, is a slate full of entry-level positions which may include server, retail sales associate, fast-food worker, and many other so called "useless jobs."

However, one thing that many of us fail to recognize is that the skills you acquire in all of these jobs will help you become successful in your future career.

Imagine this scenario

Your interviewer on one side of the desk flipping through your resumé, saying, "So let's go through your past experiences and what you can bring to the table in this position…" Meanwhile you're on the other side fretting, thinking to yourself, "How am I supposed to highlight my qualifications when I don't have any?" But you do!

Here are a few common jobs students hold, and how to identify transferable skills you can sell to any position:

Server

You're on your feet all day, remembering orders, juggling various tables. This translates to hard working and dedicated, quick learning and an ability to handle various tasks at once. Also constantly dealing with customers of all levels of difficulty builds character and resilience.

Retail sales associate

You deal with many aspects of daily sales operations from point of sale purchases and returns, to organizing merchandise, to assisting customers in finding suitable products. This translates to the ability to multi-task, you have organizational skills, not to mention always maintaining a positive attitude while helping customers choose that perfect item.

Fast-food worker

You work in a small area with a million operations going on at once. You have to ensure customer satisfaction, while working with a number of people in providing tasty food and drinks quickly. This translates to the ability to work in a fast-paced environment while accomplishing several tasks at once.

Your hospitality experience can 'serve' you well in the application process. ISTOCK

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Do you think your school/program prepared you to be able to find a job and work in the "real world"? Why or why not?

@natashakub
NOT AT ALL. NO HANDS ON TRAINING RELEVANT TO WORK FORCE. thats why we get out of uni & work4free! #wompwompwomp

@LeeshaVee
No! Many BA programs desperately need co-op/internship opportunities so students can gain practical experience while in school!

@aanchal_:
YES my extra-curricular exp has taught me a LOT about what 2 expect in the "real world": time mgmt, ethics, politics

@JiggyJay
I think my program prepared me as I have only acquired a job in my field of expertise! Business Tech. Management!

@DanieTasha
yes & No, because I studied in the USA, I understand the "real world" there. Coming home everything is different from what I know

@M_Meek
I don't think the burden lies solely on the school. New grads who want a good job must must be proactive and approach the school

Student Voice

Turn one job into one million opportunities

Sally Gao
Graduate, Journalism
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I graduated from Ryerson University with a Bachelor of Journalism degree in spring 2010 with the hopes of finding a job in the media industry. I started looking for positions in my professional field in May and went through some interviews that didn't lead to anything.

I realized that the biggest obstacle hindering my prospects of finding a job was my experience. Even though I volunteered to write for my school outlets, such as The Eyeopener and McClung's Magazine, I didn't get enough training and exposure to the real world work environment.

Without wasting my time, I researched many companies online using Twitter, Facebook and even YouTube to gather insights on which industry I should tap into. I considered getting an education in public relations and communications but felt I needed some work experience before I decided if that's something I really wanted to get into.

Nonetheless, I finally got my first job at the end of 2010, where I was a Content Writer for a small online company. This job gave me the platform to try and learn new things, including SEO marketing, social media networking and branding. It opened my eyes to different career paths I could take and I became more confident in my job prospects as a growing journalist.

Where I am now

I recently went back to school to pursue a graduate certificate in Human Resources Management but dropped out of the program because I didn't feel I was ready to change careers just yet. I volunteered for different online magazines and networked with people in the writing and editing industry.

My recommendations for employers, schools and career centres

One thing I highly recommend for employers is to look beyond the education and look for any transferable skills a potential candidate may have. Many people who worked at different jobs have acquired multiple skill sets that can be used for another job they apply for. Just because they may not have the degree, training or education doesn't mean their experience doesn't allow them to learn those aspects. What matters is what results they can bring to the company and what value they have as an employee. It's important that prospective workers can apply their knowledge into the work they do, as well as have a solid academic foundation to back it up.

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Look a little closer. A career path you may have never considered could

"(Students) have their minds set on one specific industry, which can really limit their job opportunities," says Debbie Bottineau, Regional Vice-President of OfficeTeam. There are so many opportunities across a variety of industries that are neglected because people think the jobs don't exist.

She also suggests not limiting yourself by solely focusing on full-time positions. "A lot of employers are looking for hands-on work experience, so don't just focus on full-time opportunities. Look at temporary and contract positions as well."

So now that you're ready to start searching and you've reached a career site (like TalentEgg), where do you begin?

"I would say as a starting point, look broad from an industry perspective," says Bottineau. "You want to identify your transferable skills and tackle position types versus one specific industry."

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Use your imagination

Look at how the skills that you possess fit into the position to be filled

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Confusion around crossing the line

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In Canadian workplaces today, sexual harassment is defined by a thin yellow line. Sexual innuendo that can easily be seen as harmless flirting to one employee, can just as easily be seen as an invitation for a lawsuit, to another.

As sexual harassment is often in the eyes of the beholder, when will an employee's inappropriate comments cost him his job?

Robert Gillam held an important job as a supervisor working on pipeline projects in Western Canada, for Waschuk Pipe Line Construction, a mainly male dominated workplace. Three females worked at the job site, and one of them just happened to be the daughter of the company's owner.

Gillam felt that the three female employees spent too much time socializing with the male employees and that they were responsible for work not getting done.

As a result, in conversations with other employees, he consistently referred to them in very derogatory terms, blaming them for a number of his problems.

When the women complained that the name calling amounted to harassment, Gillam was warned that his job was on the line. Although the issue improved for some time, it did not disappear entirely.

When the company's owner later learned that one of the female employees was considering suing the company, he decided that Gillam had to be fired without severance. Gillam sued arguing that his conduct was not serious enough to justify his dismissal.

At a recent trial, Gillam's case was dismissed. According to the judge, it did not matter that Gillam did not make the derogatory statements directly to the female employees. Since they learned about his statements through others, it poisoned the workplace and qualified as sexual harassment nonetheless. In the quest to define when an employee's inappropriate comments will amount to sexual harassment, there are some recurring themes:

* Whether there is a workplace harassment policy and whether its terms have been followed.

* Whether the employee was warned that the comments were offside. Here, Gillam was warned his behaviour could not be condoned, which contributed to the finding that his case should be dismissed.

* Whether the employee knew or ought to have known that the comments were unwelcome.

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NBA

Spurs' Popovich named top coach

Gregg Popovich was selected as the NBA's coach of the year on Tuesday after leading the San Antonio Spurs to 50 wins and the No. 1 seed in the Western Conference in the lockout-shortened season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

CFL

Teams try on new looks for Year 100

CFL teams will be sporting a different look this season as part of the league's 100th anniversary celebration.

This week, eight teams are unveiling new re-engineered jerseys created by Reebok. The East Division squads donned their new uniforms Tuesday with the Western clubs unveiling theirs Wednesday. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Hamilton Tiger-Cats Andy Fantuz, left, and Henry Burris try on their new uniforms. THE CANADIAN PRESS/THE HAMILTON TIGER-CATS

Olympic swimming

Norwegian dies after cardiac arrest

Alexander Dale Oen, a world champion who was one of Norway's top hopes for the 2012 Olympics, died from cardiac arrest late Monday in his bathroom during a training camp in Flagstaff, Ariz. He was 26. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

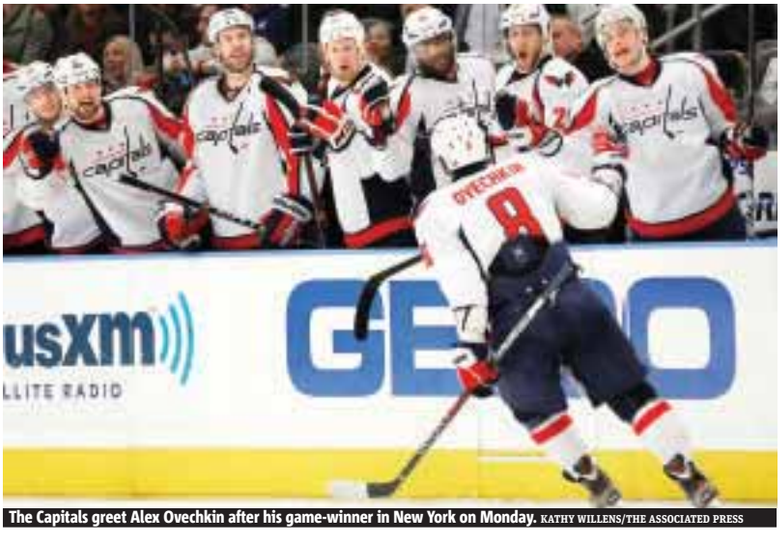
NBA

"You're still the best team in the NBA until an opponent proves otherwise."

Chicago Bulls great Scottie Pippen in an open letter to his former team on Tuesday. The Bulls lost superstar point guard Derrick Rose to a season-ending knee injury on Saturday.

Heating up with less ice time

NHL. Capitals captain Ovechkin still scoring big goals while spending more time on bench



The Capitals greet Alex Ovechkin after his game-winner in New York on Monday. KATHY WILLENS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Alex Ovechkin's ice time keeps shrinking in the playoffs, plummeting to a career-low 13 1/2 minutes in Game 2 of the Washington Capitals' Eastern Conference semifinal against the New York Rangers.

Seems to be working so far.

With the series tied 1-1 and shifting to Washington for Game 3, a major topic of conversation is how little the two-time MVP Ovechkin is playing. Despite the reduced action, Washington's captain managed to net the winning goal on a power play in Game 2.

"To be honest, it's not even something that we notice. We don't go down the sheet at the end of the game and say, 'How much did 'Ovi' play?'" Capitals defenceman Karl Alzner said Tuesday. "You know he wants to play more, and he's frustrated by not playing 20 minutes. But he doesn't care — he wants to win that game."

No one on the Capitals has scored more goals this postseason than Ovechkin's three. And he leads the team with six points, too.

But coach Dale Hunter is hiding Ovechkin on the bench for long stretches at a time, especially when the Capitals are trying to protect a lead.

In the regular season, Ovechkin topped Washington's forwards, averaging 19:48 of ice time and 16:08 at even-strength. In the playoffs, he ranks third, and his numbers are down to 19:08 and 15:23.

In Monday night's 3-2 win in New York, Ovechkin's 10:36 of even-strength time was eighth among Washington's 12 forwards — and was nearly six minutes less than Jay Beagle.

"We've got guys like Beagle, (Jason) Chimera and (Matt Hendricks) that are looked at when we're leading in a game to maintain that lead," forward Troy Brouwer said. "Alex knows that, and he has to accept that."

Whether Ovechkin's diminished role is due to an inability or unwillingness to play the safe, defensive hockey Hunter seeks or a result of something else, it's tough to argue with the results. After all, the Capitals got past the reigning Stanley Cup champion Boston Bruins in a tight-as-can-be first round.

And now Hunter's Capitals are even with the top-seeded Rangers.

"He's coaching the situations. He's playing certain guys. If we're down a goal, (Ovechkin is) going to be our main guy. He's going every other shift. If we're up a goal, then Dale tends to lean on other guys. That's the way it is," forward Mike Knuble said. "For now it's working and we're going to run with it." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Quoted

"Sometimes, if you're not (out) there, you feel like you're not in (the) game, but if you have 10-second shift or 5-second shift, you just have to go there and do something. It's kind of hard."

Alex Ovechkin after Game 2 in New York.

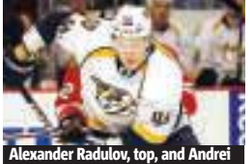
NHL. Predators pair to sit out for 'selfish' behaviour

The Nashville Predators already face a tough challenge returning home, down 0-2 to the Phoenix Coyotes in their Western Conference semifinal.

Now, they either have something to rally around with forwards Alexander Radulov and Andrei Kostitsyn suspended for Game 3 on Wednesday night or wind up with yet another excuse in this series.

The Predators announced the suspensions Tuesday morning, and general manager David Poile and coach Barry Trotz said the decision to punish the forwards for violating unspecified team rules was easy. The general manager is leaving the decision on whether the pair return for Game 4 on Friday night up to Trotz.

Poile refused to specify what Radulov and Kostitsyn did, saying any hint would give away what they did. He called their behaviour unfortunate and selfish. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Alexander Radulov, top, and Andrei Kostitsyn. TOP: MARK HUMPHREY/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE BOTTOM: JONATHAN DANIEL/GETTY IMAGES FILE

SPRING SEASON STANDINGS

B DIVISION

TEAMS	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
THROWBACKS	12	10	2	0	0	43	18	20
ABUSEMENT PARK	12	9	1	0	0	51	29	20
REBELS	12	8	3	0	0	40	25	17
SHOCKERS	12	3	7	0	0	26	45	8

C DIVISION

TEAMS	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
DIEHARDS	12	9	2	0	0	64	30	19
BING ACRES	12	7	3	0	0	28	21	16
BALLWHACKERS	12	6	5	0	0	28	41	13
EVIL MONKEY	12	4	5	0	0	26	32	11
LONDON LEAFERS	12	5	7	0	0	32	46	10
WOLFPACK	12	5	7	0	0	35	38	10
OUT OF GAS	12	3	7	0	0	24	47	8
ACE HOLES	12	3	9	0	0	25	50	6

D DIVISION

TEAMS	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
N.A.D.S	12	9	1	0	0	52	24	21
MISFITS	12	8	2	0	0	46	34	18
FUGAZI	12	7	4	0	0	39	34	16
MARAUDERS	12	3	8	0	0	30	46	7
MULTIPLE SCOREGASM	12	3	9	0	0	26	55	6

COED DIVISION

TEAMS	GP	W	L	T	OTL	GF	GA	PTS
FMC	7	6	1	0	0	15	12	14
THUMBS UP	7	5	1	0	0	22	13	13
ALEX'S TEAM	7	3	3	0	0	17	19	7
BALL PUCKERS	7	0	5	0	0	7	17	3

YOUTH STARS OF THE WEEK

1. KACEE WATKINS - LEAFS — 5 GOALS, 1 ASSISTS (HAT TRICK)
2. GREG DAVIS - NORDIQUES — 4 GOALS (HAT TRICK)
3. QUINTON BREAK - COYOTES — SHUT OUT

MEN'S STARS OF THE WEEK

1. JUSTIN BLANCHE - MISFITS — 5 GOALS, 2 ASSISTS - (HAT TRICK)
2. MIKE WIRA - THROWBACKS — 3 GOALS, 1 ASSIST - (HAT TRICK)
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NHL

"Sidney Crosby needs to be in elite shape to perform at the level that he needs to perform at. I haven't talked to him, but I don't think he was feeling great. You can't miss that much time in a season, even Sidney Crosby."

Gary Roberts on Tuesday. The former NHLer, who played two seasons with Sidney Crosby in Pittsburgh, said the superstar probably suffered during the Penguins' first-round loss to the Philadelphia Flyers after coming back from a concussion. Roberts knows about comebacks. He retired at age 30 due to a serious neck injury. But he changed his lifestyle, started to train differently and returned to play a total of 21 seasons.

NHL playoffs

Kovalchuk misses Game 2

New Jersey Devils forward Ilya Kovalchuk sat out Tuesday's Game 2 against the Philadelphia Flyers with an undisclosed lower-body injury. Find out how the Devils fared without their star sniper at metronews.ca/sports.

On the web

Highly-touted Nationals slugger Bryce Harper was set to make his big-league home debut in Washington on Tuesday night as an injury fill-in. But Harper looks like he could be the rare 19-year-old who lands a full-time gig in the majors. Scan the code for the story.

Clemens trial. 'Roger had mentioned... he had taken HGH:' Pettitte recalls

Andy Pettitte and Roger Clemens sat some 20 feet apart, Pettitte on the witness stand and Clemens at the defence table trying to avoid going to jail. The topic: a remark about human growth hormone Pettitte recalled hearing from his longtime teammate, mentor and workout partner a dozen years ago.

"Roger had mentioned to me that he had taken HGH," Pettitte testified. "And that it could help with recovery, and that's really all I remember about the conversation."

Pettitte went on to acknowledge that the words were said in passing during an intense workout.

It's a conversation that Clemens has famously claimed that Pettitte "misremembers."

The right-hander on trial who won 354 major league games and the lefty on the stand with 240 wins had an awkward reunion Tuesday, Day 8 in the retrial of charges that Clemens lied when he told Congress in 2008 that he never used steroids or HGH.

Pettitte and Clemens haven't spoken recently because of the trial, but Pettitte nevertheless said he found it difficult to testify because he still considers Clemens a good friend. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Andy Pettitte leaves court Tuesday in Washington, DC. WIN MCNAMEE/GETTY IMAGES

Surprise appearance

- The government interrupted testimony from its first witness to call Pettitte.
- He walked into court a day after allowing six runs and 10 hits with eight strikeouts over 5 2-3 innings in an extended spring training game in Clearwater, Fla., as part of his comeback attempt at with the New York Yankees.

Quarterback Kyle Quinlan awaiting the CFL draft

Football. Vanier Cup MVP with McMaster has 'no idea' if he'll be drafted or not

Kyle Quinlan enters the CFL draft sporting one of the finest audition tapes in CIS football history.

The McMaster quarterback led the Marauders to a 41-38 win over the defending champion Laval Rouge et Or in a wild Vanier Cup last November, completing 36 of 55 passes for 482 yards and two touchdowns. Quinlan also rushed for a team-high 106 yards.

"He's coming off perhaps one of the greatest performances by a university quarterback in the Vanier Cup," said McMaster coach Stefan Ptaszek.

"Laval is the premiere program in our nation and their pride and joy is their defence. For Kyle Quinlan to throw for 480 yards and rush for 100 is unique beyond unique."The kid is very, very, very unique and boy we'd love to have him back. The question is does the CFL agree with me how unique this kid is and are they going to take a chance?"

Quinlan is waiting for Thursday to find out.

"I have no idea what's going to happen with it," he said. "That's kind of part of the excitement surrounding this week.

With a year of CIS eligibility remaining, Quinlan has options. And he could end up in a CFL camp whether he gets drafted or not. Hamilton invited him to camp last season to give him a flavour of the pro game.

"If I get into the situation where I'm faced with a decision between the CFL and another year at Mac, I think that would be a great problem to have," Quinlan said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

McMaster Marauders quarterback Kyle Quinlan takes practice at Moncton Stadium in November 2011 in Moncton, N.B. ANDREW VAUGHAN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quinlan file

- At six-foot-three and 215 pounds, Quinlan has size.
- The 23-year-old from South Woodslee, Ont., about a half hour drive from the Windsor-Detroit border, also has poise in the pocket, a good arm and the ability to run.
- During the regular season, Quinlan completed almost 65 per cent of his passes, with 13 touchdowns and just two interceptions. In the playoffs, he was named MVP in the Yates Cup, Uteck Bowl and Vanier Cup.

Ford Fusion classes it up

ALL PHOTOS WHEELBASE

The under-hood changes will really rock Fusion fans.

Review. For 2013, there's a whole new bag of tricks, new looks and a plug-in hybrid model. Ford, you have our attention.

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Wheelbase Media

The next-generation Ford Fusion is more than a new mid-size sedan; it's really the marriage of high-fashion style with league-leading fuel economy. Oh, and some significant technological treats are also coming along for the ride.

The Fusion's latest powertrain array borders on overwhelming, seemingly geared for a world where gasoline prices threaten to reach stratospheric levels.

But if content is king, then the other half of this royal equation is the king's new apparel. The Fusion's January launch at the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Mich., caused palpable buzz amongst the assembled media. The dramatic sweep of the roofline suggests kinship with the Audi A7, Volkswagen CC and CLS-class Mercedes-Benz, while the open-mouth grille veers 180-degrees from the current triple-bar fixture. Simply put, the Fusion will possibly be the classiest-looking mid-size sedan on the road when it goes on sale in the third quarter of 2012.

The Fusion's high fashion extends to the cabin where passengers are greeted with fancier trim, comfier seats and a freshly pressed control panel. Ford says that passenger space has increased by relocating the dashboard closer to the windshield.

With near-revolutionary improvements in looks and content, Ford appears determined to become the leading innovator within the mid-size sedan pack and at the same time improve its standing in that ultra-competitive segment.

Plenty of engine options

The car joins the Hyundai Sonata and 2013 Chevrolet Malibu in abandoning its V6 option, but there are now no fewer than five distinctive engine picks, including two gasoline-electric hybrid systems, as well as front- and all-wheel-drive availability. Price-leading models get a 170-horsepower 2.5-litre four-cylinder engine.

2013 Ford Fusion

- **Type.** Four-door, front-all-wheel-drive mid-size sedan.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.5-litre DOHC I4 (170); 1.6-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (179); 2.0-litre DOHC I4, turbocharged (237); 2.0-litre I4 with electric motor (185 net).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $23,500 (est.).

Plenty of assistance

Ford is also introducing a full assortment of available communications and safety content, such as a keep-you-in-line lane-monitoring system, keep-your-distance adaptive cruise control, confidence-boosting parking spot assist, and a shoulder-check-replacing blind-spot system.

Fuel economy

The 179-horsepower 1.6-litre turbocharged "Ecoboost" engine earns a top rating of 9.0 l/100 km city and 6.4 highway, aided by technology that shuts off the engine when the vehicle is stopped, then instantaneously restarts it once the brake pedal is released.

Those are decent numbers, but the fuel-economy leaders are the two hybrid models.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Go ahead, drop the gate

For the most part, pickup tailgates don't have it easy. Rarely, it seems, are they ever gently lowered. Instead they're usually just dropped open, placing considerable stress on the hinges and support cables. That problem is eliminated with the EZ-Down kit from Stabilus. The product consists of a damper that attaches to one side of the bed and connects to the tailgate using the supplied hardware. EZDown has been designed for most domestic and import pickups dating back to the late 1990s. Kits are priced at $70, including a two-year warranty. Check out the installation video at ezdown.com, while the purchasing process can be handled directly at ezdownstore.com.
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Tempering spring optimism

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Spring is not kind to everyone. Just ask these Toronto Maple Leaf fans. CHRIS YOUNG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Some wise person once said, "No winter lasts forever; no spring skips its turn."

The sentiment assumes spring rules and winter drools.

Not saying the assumption is wrong, just that it could be more nuanced. There are dark sides to everything, even to some of the wonderful things wrought by spring.

Pollen, for instance, eventually brings a glorious greening to trees and their ilk, but not before it sneaks en masse into various entry points in my head, and does an Occupy Wall Street in my sinus cavities.

There is also a dark side to the optimism generally associated with spring renewal. While it's possible for everyone to be optimistic, it's not possible for everyone to be on the winning side of whatever they are optimistic about. Just ask Canadian hockey fans. The puck hit the fan so to speak, at every Canadian NHL franchise this spring. And just to mangle that metaphor a bit more, that puck not only got chewed up in the fan, it ultimately killed the fan too, but not before the dying fan spit the puck back and right into the new flat screen TV, which also died an untimely death. Basically, spring equals death.

I'm only in this mood because one my favourite spring car rituals didn't turn out too well this past weekend.

I always look forward to firing up my old Jaguar every spring, after its long winter slumber. It's always great to once again breathe in its intoxicating mixture of gas, old leather, and oily metal, reacquaint myself with its lovely sheet metal, and hear the engine cough and spurt before smoothing out to a satisfying low and even rumble.

This year there was a large puddle of brake fluid under the Jaguar. Usually there is some, but this was over the top. No brakes.

Oh well, I'll start the engine at least. It fired right up. I tilted the "bonnet" forward to examine the engine while it warmed up. As soon as I did that I could smell raw gas, and then could see gas pouring out of the front carburettor. A stuck float probably. The usual remedy, hitting the bottom of the float bowl gently but firmly with a rubber hammer, didn't work. So then I tried hitting my head with the rubber hammer. That didn't work either.

I shut the engine off.

Instead of that first great drive of the season, I had one big mess to clean up, and two mechanical problems to sort out. And I just spent the first part of the day doing income tax returns.

A lot or renewal happens in the spring, but old cars just get older.

I cleaned up the mess the best I could, put the cover back on the car, and went back in the house. Got a beer and watched the end of the Blue Jays game, which just happens to be another spring ritual of mine from time to time, and a much more dependable one too.

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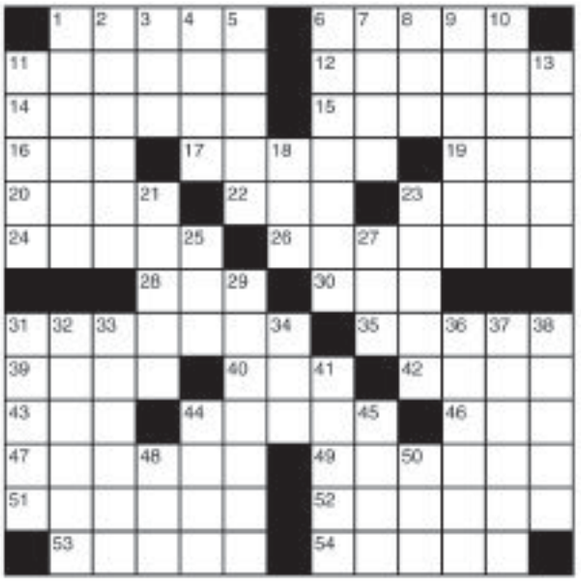
Crossword

Across

1 Serf
6 Actor Fernando
11 Appetizer
12 Inventor — Graves Otis
14 Wastes no time
15 Spurts forth
16 New Haven collegian
17 Assertion
19 "Go, team!"
20 Cribbage gizmos
22 Diplomatic agt.
23 Bear lair
24 Bert's pal
26 Egg white
28 Apply Brylcreem
30 Mess up
31 Relax briefly
35 "Hi" in Hilo
39 Writer Kingsley
40 Bumped into
42 Eventual statue
43 Android, for short
44 Give private lessons
46 Parched
47 No teetotalers
49 Advertises
51 "Sing some more!"
52 Construction pieces
53 Dilutes
54 Small change

Down

1 Van
2 Pulver's rank
3 — -di-dah
4 Cartel acronym
5 Induction motor pioneer
6 Easy to read
7 Grad
8 "— for the million ..."
9 Religious retreat
10 Make a bundle
11 Thin pancake
13 Wan
18 "I — Rock"
21 Factions
23 Ringlets
25 Corrode
27 Monokini's lack
29 Puzzles
31 Dinette necessity
32 Quantity
33 Tackiness
34 Bottom line
36 Trite
37 Seraglios
38 Big pit
41 Subject
44 Gull's cousin
45 Hayseed
48 — polloi
50 D.C. title



Sudoku

	9						3	
		8				6		
3	6		7	9	2		8	1
	1		2		7		6	
6								5
	5		9		4		7	
2	3		8	4	5		1	6
		6				4		
	8						9	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	6	4	7	3	5	9	2	1
2	9	5	4	6	1	3	8	7
7	1	3	2	8	9	6	4	5
6	7	2	3	9	8	5	1	4
1	4	8	5	7	6	2	9	3
5	3	9	1	4	2	8	7	6
4	5	1	9	2	3	7	6	8
3	2	6	8	1	7	4	5	9
9	8	7	6	5	4	1	3	2

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

AV W BYPRKL AR HWS EKK VKLC KV VPANWEYR WLC CYREPKSYPR, RKFY FANXE RWS AE'R HWPRXAB HKPRXAB.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: WHAT MIGHT A PERSON CALL FOLKS WHO ARE SMOOTHING DOWN PIECES OF CORN? KERNEL SANDERS.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: K equals O

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Horoscope

Aries | March 21 - April 20. Wherever you go and whatever you do today, don't be tempted to take your work with you. It will still be there for you later.

Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You will be romantic today. Surprise the object of your affection with a gift you know will be appreciated.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. A few kind words from you could make all the difference to someone today. It's time to kiss and make up.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. The facts and figures may be on your side but that does not necessarily mean you are going to win the argument.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Someone you find attractive could have a negative affect on your money situation today. Don't fall for the charm of a pretty face.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Anything routine or predictable will turn you off. Put chores and duties off until another day.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. Is a friend really loyal to you, or is it just an act to get what they want? According to the planets it may be the latter, so be on your guard.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. Someone you usually find it quite hard to get along with is trying to be nice to you. End the hostility.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You enjoy surprises. That's good, as there will be a flood of them coming your way over the next 24 hours.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. It's not often you get caught up with a new fad or fashion but something has seized hold of your imagination and won't let go. Enjoy it.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You know when to make a noise about things you don't agree with, and you know this is not the right time to make critical remarks.

Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. A friend will confide in you. You may be shocked by their confession. Offer practical advice. **SALLY BROMPTON**

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